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Assemblymember William Monning
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Dear Assemblymember Monning,

I am writing in response to your May 27, 2009 letter inquiring as to whether the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (Advisory Council) has taken a position on the PXP Oil Company plan to use existing oil platforms in the Channel Islands area.

At their June 19, 2009 meeting the Advisory Council requested I respond to your letter. They did not make a decision related to the PXP Oil Company project because they felt they did not have enough information to make an informed decision. However, they wanted me to convey to you one of the primary goals of this national marine sanctuary is to prevent oil and gas exploration and development.

On behalf of the MBNMS Advisory Council, I appreciate your letter and request. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


Paul Michel
Superintendent

